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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN FLOOD EMERGENCY RELIEF

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FOR DR. JOHN MCLAUGHLIN FROM GEN. HAIG

1. APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON FLOOD
PROBLEM IN PAKISTAN, INDIA AND BANGLADESH. ON AUGUST 16
CHARGE SOBER IN ISLAMABAD MADE DONATION OF ONE MILLION
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RUPEES TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S FLOOD RELIEF FUND.

EMBASSY THERE CONTINUING TO EVALUATE SITUATION AND WILL MAKE FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AS APPROPRIATE. PRESIDENT IS SENDING MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY FOR FLOOD VICTIMS TO PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN. WHILE SEVERE FLOODS ALSO OCCURRING IN INDIA, OUR EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI REPORTS THAT THE GOI APPEARS TO HAVE THE SITUATION THERE UNDER CONTROL AND HAS NOT REQUESTED OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. SIMILARLY IN BANGLADESH THERE HAS BEEN NO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE AND FLOOD SITUATION DOES NOT APPEAR AS SEVERE AS IN PAKISTAN.

2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, BELIEVE YOU SHOULD PROCEED AS PLANNED TO PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH. YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH CHARGES IN BOTH ISLAMABAD AND DACCA AS TO SITUATION THERE AND SEEK THEIR GUIDANCE AS TO COMMENTS YOU MIGHT MAKE IF INQUIRIES ARE MADE OF YOU IN YOUR PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL TALKS. ROGERS

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